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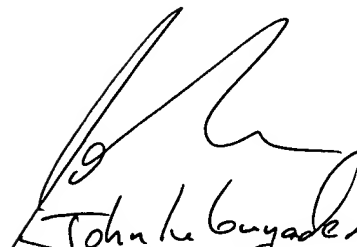
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All claims are allowable. However, due to Interference I-105,320, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.


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A. _____ Suspension – Awaiting New Reference. Interference Specialists Anthony Caputa, Cecilia Tsang, and/or Michael Woodward must be consulted for the approval to suspend action based on a reference relevant to examination becoming available.

Application No. as Potential Reference: _____

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Interference Number: I-105,320

Application No. in Interference: 6,410,277

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